

THE WEATHER.

Probably showers Saturday, Sunday fair in west—Showers in eastern portion.

Editorial Comment

Call 449 if you fail to get the *Kentuckian* promptly. And if you have a news item, phone it to the composing room.

As between Bruner and Buthum, Republican candidates for Senator this part of Kentucky will go big for Bruner.

Francis X. Bushman, who was divorced last week, was married Monday to Beverly Bayne, his co-star in screen work. The public generally is very familiar with their style of love-making.

Two hundred and thirty-nine sick and wounded soldiers from the American expeditionary forces were brought to the United States during the week ending July 26 and sent to army hospitals for physical rehabilitation.

The Democratic primary election in Kentucky is almost devoid of interest. The vote for Kimball for Senator will be negligible and it is only a question of majority for Senator James. If the vote is light it may be 50,000 and if heavy double that figure.

At the meeting held at the courthouse yesterday afternoon every precinct in the county was represented and there was an air of confidence and determination about all who took part in the meeting that local option will sweep the county this time, if indeed Congress does not act first and pass the pending nation-wide measure before the end of August.

On the British front in France and Flanders, the bad weather has ceased and the sun is fast drying the muddy ground. The Germans are bombarding heavily various positions held by Field Marshal Haig's men, who in turn are answering the fire of the enemy guns and keeping up with much success their annoying raids into the German lines.

Lieut. Gen. Baron von Freytag-Loringhoven, chief of the supplementary German general staff, in an article in the *Mannheim Anzeiger*, declares that the intervention of the United States may now be considered a fact but that the Americans are not trained and therefore must be wedged between the British and French. The general says also that the number of the Americans is exaggerated by half.

THE WAR DEBT.

With the completion of four years of war the debt pyramid rises, but does not broaden at its base. The direct war cost from August 1, 1914, to August 1, 1918, may be put down as approximately \$150,000,000. Nearly as much is being expended per annum to finance this great struggle as was employed in the first two years. The progressive increase of the United States illustrates this fact. From April 1, 1917, to the end of June that year the whole outlay by this country was about \$125,000,000. In the twelve months to June 30, 1918, it was \$12,500,000,000, or ten times that of the earlier period. For the month of July just concluded the estimates ran to \$2,000,000,000. It is apparent, therefore, that if peace does not come before the middle of 1919 the war debt of the nation will be close to \$200,000,000,000. —From "War Debt and Taxation," in the *American Review of Reviews* for August, 1918.

FRENCH PAPER'S GUESS.

Paris, Aug. 1.—German losses since the start of the war have reached 4,760,000, according to estimates published here today in *L'Homme Libre*, Premier Clemenceau's newspaper. The Germans now have 4,430,000 men, it is stated, of which 8,000 are engaged on the western front.

The paper estimates that since March German losses have been 1,500,000, of which 1,000,000, it is said, have been put out of action.

HICKS TO BE TRIED.

Seabee, Ky., Aug. 2.—The trial of Heber Hicks, 20 years old, charged with the murder of Mrs. Joy Sparks on Friday January 21, will be called in the Circuit Court at Dixon Monday, August 12. Young Hicks is still in jail at Henderson.

FRENCH ENTER SOISSONS CROWN PRINCE IN FLIGHT

MEN WANTED FOR OFFICERS

CIVILIANS ABOVE DRAFT AGE SPECIALLY WANTED—TRAINING SCHOOLS

The Kentuckian has been asked by the Kentucky Military Institute at London, Ky., to say that the government needs men to train as officers. There has been established recently throughout the United States training schools in which a large number of men will be trained for officers.

The government is accepting men in civilian life as well as men already in the service.

Men above the draft age, from 32 to 40 years of age especially, are wanted to train in these schools. The Artillery Officers' Training School is located at Camp Taylor and other schools for various branches of the service are located at other places throughout the country.

The conditions as to entrance, etc., are about the same for all these schools—artillery, infantry, machine gun, etc.—except those enlisting in the artillery school are of necessity required to be educated in mathematics. All civilians will be paid \$33 per month and everything furnished.

Persons desiring to learn more are asked to write the M. T. C. A., Lincoln Bank Building, Louisville, Ky., or Kentucky Military Institute, London, Ky.

This is a rare opportunity for civilians who desire to enter the service to obtain commissions from the start. The course of training will last four months.

PLAN 4TH DRIVE

NEXT LIBERTY LOAN CAMPAIGN STARTS SEPTEMBER 28, AND WILL LAST THREE WEEKS.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Aug. 7.—Plans for the campaign for the fourth Liberty Loan to-day began to take definite form following announcement by Secretary McAdoo that the campaign will open September 28 and continue three weeks, ending October 19. Previous campaigns have extended over a period of four weeks, but it is believed by Treasury officials that a shorter campaign will bring forth a more intensified effort with even more satisfactory results.

Posters and advertising for the new loan will be issued shortly, it was learned to-day. The campaign, coming after the harvest season, will be carried particularly to the farmers of the nation.

Official announcement as to the size of the fourth loan has not yet been made, but it has been indicated that the Government will attempt to raise \$6,000,000,000 by the sale of bonds which will bear 4 1/4 per cent. interest.

OVERSEAS.

San B. Crawley, Walter W. Crews, Lee Blankenship, Bert Blakemore, Harry McIntosh, Davis Thomas Stewart, Austin Smithson, Sergt. S. C. Anderson, Sergt. Dennis Cannon, Lawrence M. Warren, Guy Smithson.

BRITISH CASUALTIES.

London, Aug. 1.—British casualties reported during July totaled 67,291. This compares with total casualties reported in June of 141,147. The losses for July are divided as follows:

Killed or died of wounds—Officers, 521; men, 8,474.
Wounded or missing—Officers, 1,537; men, 56,759.

BIG ANTI-LIQUOR CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED YESTERDAY

ELECTION WILL BE ASKED FOR OCTOBER 4 TO VOTE SA- LOONS OUT OF COUNTY

ORGANIZATION IS PERFECTED

People from every section of the county yesterday met together and filled the Circuit Court room of the courthouse and proceeded to launch a barrage attack upon John Barleycorn. This attack will be followed by every other form of attack practiced under civilized campaign methods.

The purpose of the meeting was to perfect an organization and plan to procure signed petitions with sufficient names to warrant the County Judge in calling an election for October 4 for the purpose of voting on the question of whether or not liquor shall be sold in Christian county.

The meeting organized by electing R. E. Cooper permanent chairman and H. A. Robinson secretary. An executive committee was selected composed of R. E. Cooper, chairman, J. M. Neblett, W. T. Dougherty, T. C. Jones, S. A. Powell, James West, T. J. McReynolds, Rev. E. Williams, Col. Ned Turner, col., and C. W. Merriweather, col. This committee will have the selection of all other committees necessary to the conduct of the campaign.

Many ladies were present and evinced much interest in all the proceedings. Many short and enthusiastic talks were made by both white and colored indicating that the issue of whisky or no whisky is a burning question in every section of the county.

Petitions for the securing of names were circulated among many of those present and committees were selected to take petitions and select them among the country people for signatures and return them to Hopkinsville Monday, when the petition will be filed in County Court asking that an election be held October 4th.

The indications now are that the whiskey people will not make any organized fight. However, the prohibition leaders are working along the line of the ancient proverb that "eternal vigilance is the price of victory" and will not cease their efforts to complete and keep a compact organization and fight till the end.

TABACCO TAX TO BE RAISED

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, Aug. 2.—Heavy increases in the present war tax on tobacco, cigars and cigarettes was agreed to today by the Ways and Means Committee for the new revenue bill. The tax imposes three times the existing rates on some items in the schedule and is expected to raise \$340,000,000. The bill is expected to be ready when Congress reassembles August 19.

100 YEARS OLD.

Mayfield, Ky., Aug. 1.—One hundred years ago to-day Coleman Farthing was born in Pittsylvania county, Virginia, and is now enjoying good health at his home in this city.

MR. WATERS AT GRACEY.

Rev. Bascom Waters, the evangelist, will start a community revival in Gracely tomorrow. His singer will be Prof. Joe M. Hampton.

Howard Benny Coffman, of Hopkinsville, enlisted in the navy at Louisville, Wednesday, one of 27.

PRIMARY ELECTION

ALL OVER THE STATE—TWO SENATORIAL PRIMARIES WILL BE HELD TODAY.

The primary election today will be a quiet and listless affair in this county, in both parties. The absence of any element of doubt or excitement will make the vote light and altogether one-sided. James for the Democrats and Bruner for the Republicans will get nearly all of the votes cast.

In the seven city precincts the polls will be located at the usual places and the voting will begin at 6 a. m. and continue until four p. m.

Both primaries will be held by the same officers, representing the two parties.

Women's Committee

Council of National Defense.

Health and Recreation of Children.

Mrs. Walter Wilson, Chm.

The President of the United States has made it clear that measures for child welfare will henceforth form an important part of the war program. He has proclaimed this, the second year of our participation in the war as "The Children's Year." This work has been outlined by Miss Julia Lathrop, Chief of the Children's Bureau of the United States and the execution of these plans has been given to the Woman's Committee of the Council of National Defense, the organization which has exclusive mobilization of the war work for women.

Child welfare is particularly the work of women, and no woman, no matter how sheltered, can ignore the menacing effect on the character and growth of children. Protection of her own home and the success of her own lift requires that every mother lend a hand and do her full part to help spread wholesome, organized, healthful play more widely over every community than ever before.

Locally this work of providing health and recreation of children is in the hands of a committee of the Woman's Council of which Mrs. Walter Wilson is chairman. Miss Jennie Glass is chairman of the committee as a whole and anyone who is willing to help with children's supervised play, with children's folk dancing, story choruses or with any other feature of the work to be inaugurated will please telephone either Miss Glass or Mrs. Wilson.

There are only four requisites for the "Children's Year," and one of these is; the provision of "recreation for children and youth, abundant, decent and protected from any form of exploitation. Play for our soldiers is provided generously and serves the two purposes of keeping them physically fit and giving them healthful wholesome substitutes for idleness or commercialized exploitation of their leisure hours. Play for children accomplishes the same purpose precisely. It is even more necessary for them for they have not developed the judgment of men and women as to what is and what is not good for them.

PUBLICITY COM. W. C. N. D.

PROF. WALLER ARRIVES.

Prof. J. C. Waller, the new superintendent of the city schools, has arrived and is making a most favorable impression upon all who meet him.

VICTORY PERCHES ON STANDARD OF ALLIES IN MARNE BATTLE

NINE MEN IN MIXUP ON I. C.

TWO SERIOUSLY INJURED AND THREE OTHERS HURT IN MOTOR CAR COLLISION.

In a rear end collision between two motor cars on the I. C. Railroad, near the water tank, during Thursday night, five men were hurt, one very seriously.

The injured.

Z. H. Croft, of Blackford, skull fractured.

Richard Lewis, Blackford, nose broken, cuts and bruises.

Lee Morgan, Blackford, right leg broken below the knee.

Horace Wiedner, Dixon, right leg crushed below the knee.

Sam Thompson, Central City, cuts and bruises.

The men belonged to the bridge and wire crews and had been working west of town.

There were two cars, a large one in front and a small one with two men. The large car stopped to open a switch and the small car ran into it. Seven men were on the first car and two on the other.

Mr. Croft was sent to the hospital and Mr. Wiedner is confined to his boarding car. Lewis and Morgan went to their homes and Thompson is at work as usual.

ON FAT OF THE LAND.

(By Associated Press.)

Amsterdam, Aug. 2.—The Geneva Sentinel reports that former King Constantine of Greece, his court at Zurich, his servants and his mother and her suite are living entirely free from the restraint of ration cards. The king's servants consume more in one day, according to the paper, than in at the disposal of twenty citizens during a month. Fresh white bread is always abundant at the royal villa.

SLUSH FUND OF \$1,431,700

(By Associated Press.)

New York, Aug. 2.—The German government "sank" an aggregate of \$1,431,700 in an attempt to affect a section of American public opinion through the purchase of the New York Mail, Alfred L. Decker, Deputy Attorney General, announced to-night, following the arraignment to-day of Edward A. Rumely, former publisher and S. Walter Kaufmann, former director, and one time counsel of the German embassy, on Federal indictments growing out of the Mail's purchase.

GOOD SHOWING MADE IN COAL

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, Aug. 2.—In the week ending July 2, 32,993 more cars of coal were loaded at the mines than in the same period last year, railroad administration reports. Total loadings 270,434 cars, most increase was in bituminous, with 225,711 cars.

ALL ALONG THE FRONT OF 36 MILES THE HUNS ARE IN PRECIPITATE RETREAT.

POINT OF VANTAGE IS GAINED

(By Associated Press.)

Paris, Aug. 2.—The French troops have entered Soissons according to the French official communication this evening. Soissons is a large railroad center that has been a pivotal point in the Soissons-Rheims salient. The allies approached within a mile of it two weeks ago.

WAR SUMMARY.

The crisis in the Allied offensive on the Soissons-Rheims salient has apparently been reached. The German crown prince's offensive on the Marne has failed as signally as that of Von Kluck in 1914 and the last word is with the Allies.

French troops have entered the town of Soissons, the western anchor point of what remains of the famous salient, and all along the 36 miles curving battle line, French, American and British troops have pushed the entire enemy front and sent the Germans backward everywhere in precipitate retreat.

Over the battle front the Allies, by quick and forcible methods of onslaught, have deeply indented the German defense line for splendid gains, which seemingly forebode the necessity of the eventual retirement of the forces of the crown prince to more tenable ground in the north.

The plains behind the northwestern portion of the battle front are now entirely dominated by the Allied big guns of the French and Americans.

The Allies have negotiated almost all of the Hill Forest country and are encroaching perceptibly towards the Fismes railway, while on the east the British and French are almost astride the Rheims-Soissons railway and have guns so placed that the enemy can be raked as he attempts to press back and gain a haven of refuge along the Vesle river.

Just how far the German retreat will go, cannot be forecast, but from the outlook it is not improbable that the enemy may be compelled to take refuge north of the Aisne river.

Numerous towns and hamlets have been captured by the Allied troops during the latest fighting and at some points they have advanced two or three miles. South of Soissons the entire Crise river has been forded. Northeast in the area of Fere-en-Tardenois, the Allied line has been pushed well to the west of the region of the grand Rozoy and the town of Saponay has been taken. In the center the Nesles woods have been swept clean of Germans by French Cavalry and Americans. The French are pressing the Huns hard north of Serzy and the Hamlet of Nesles. Further east to the gates of Rheims, the combined British and French forces are sorely harassing the tired enemy.

Altogether, viewed from war maps, the situation for the Allies is most promising for complete success in riding the salient entirely of the enemy.

EARLY REPORT.

The Allies pushed their lines northward five miles Thursday, raising the flat bottom of what was once a deep salient, to within easy cannon range of Bazaches and likewise Fismes, the German base on the Vesle river, which will tend to disarrange enemy plans and hold the opponents at bay until defense along the Vesle are thoroughly organized.

The exact location of the new line is not given, but it is said the Allies established themselves on high ground between the Ourcq and the Aisne, dominating the whole western section of the battlefield.

RYE DEFEATS SEN. SHIELDS

TENNESSEE PRIMARY RETIRES PRESENT SENATOR—PEAY LOSES FOR GOVERNOR.

Nashville, Tenn., Aug. 2.—The primary yesterday for Senator resulted in the nomination of Gov. Tom C. Rye over Senator John K. Shields by a decisive majority. Rye led on the early returns and maintained his lead to the end.

Returns show that the race between Judge A. H. Roberts and Austin Peay for the democratic nomination for governor will be close. Judge Roberts was leading by a slight margin at midnight.

John T. Cunningham, of Montgomery county, has beaten Judge C. W. Tyler for county judge by 872 majority.

FOCH STRIKES BACK

FRANK H. SIMONDS ON "THE SECOND BATTLE OF THE MARNE."

Foch has not merely checked and broken the fifth German blow, in the fifth month of the general German offensive, but he is taking back the most important ground won by the Germans during their whole thrust. He was temporarily at least, wrested the initiative from the enemy; he has achieved a moral triumph surpassing even the very great military success. He has put Paris out of danger and—unless there be some greater and wholly improbable Allied disaster in the next few weeks—he has destroyed the German hope of a decision this year, which means forever.

I believe the Second Battle of the Marne will have consequences only a little less considerable than were those of the first, and that we are seeing at this moment the closing phase of one of the memorable battles of human history. It has come, as did Gettysburg in our own Civil War, after a long period of enemy success, and it has broken the power of the most dangerous enemy offensive since the opening phase of the war. It leaves the German armies to the north still free and able to make another great attack upon the British. It does not open the way to Berlin and it will not end the war, but it should end the German hope of winning.

And hour by hour it becomes clearer and clearer that in the decisive thrust America has played an important part. Our troops have come in time. They have restored the balance between the foes and enabled Foch to venture a counter-thrust which has had an incredible success and is still succeeding. The long period of waiting seems to have been passed and the fourth anniversary of the war should see the Allied situation at last restored to the condition existing before the collapse of Russia gave Ludendorff a chance to repeat the gamble of the younger Moltke at the Marne, with consequences which seem not to have been one degree less disastrous to his imperial master. For us the Second Battle of the Marne is also memorable as our greatest conflict, measured by the number of Americans participating. In no battle of the Civil War did the North and South engage so great a force.—From "Foch Strikes Back—After Germany's Fifth Blow," by Frank H. Simonds, in the *American Review of Reviews* for August, 1918.

MINOR ACCIDENT.

S. R. Boyd's automobile collided with a big wagon at 9th and Virginia yesterday afternoon. The occupants were not injured and the only damage was the smashing of a fender.